

Outreach Notice

Boise National Forest

North Zone Range and Invasive Species Program

Range Technician GS-455-06, 13/13



The Boise National Forest will be filling a GS-06 Range Technician position in support of the Range and Invasive Species program. This is a permanent full-time seasonal position (13 guaranteed pay periods of work yearly) with a duty station of Emmett, ID.

Duties: Schedules and executes a variety of rangeland management support assignments related to range conservation programs. Assists in range capacity studies such as allotment analysis and production utilization studies. Using accepted indicator plants, determines range readiness dates. Conducts routine forage production studies, based on air-dry weight of vegetation. Monitors both short and long-range plans for

compliance with range management goals and objectives. Assists in planning a wide variety of range-related projects such as revegetation, fencing, spring developments, cattle guard placement, and erosion control procedures. Makes recommendations for amendments to range management plans.

Gathers rangeland management data exercising initiative and resourcefulness to make changes or deviate from the schedule to incorporate additional coverage requested or to adjust to conditions found at the work site. Participates in noxious plant control, seeding, or similar projects by flagging boundaries, operating equipment, and carrying out kill studies. Identifies plant specimens in the field and collects and prepares specimens.

Develops preliminary plans for implementing improvements to grazing allotment when a variety of range vegetation methods of installation and other such factors are involved and oversees implementation. Works with permittees in preparing preliminary designs and plans for a variety of standardized revegetation project. The work will consist of traveling over a large area throughout the Boise National Forest (Cascade, Emmett, Idaho City and Lowman Ranger Districts). The individual(s) will need to possess a valid state driver's license and have the ability to obtain a State of Idaho Pesticide Applicators License. The work involves exposure to dust, irritant chemicals, unpredictable weather, and high noise levels. Specific safety precautions are required and the individual(s) will be required to use protective clothing. Some of the work may require camping and travel in remote areas. Hiking on uneven terrain with or without a backpack sprayer will be a regular part of the job. The use of saddle and pack stock is also necessary.

Duty Station: Emmett, Idaho is a full service community located in Southwest Idaho along the Payette River. The community has a population of roughly 5,500 and is the seat of Gem County. Smaller towns nearby in Gem County are Letha, Sweet and Ola. Boise, in Ada County, is about 30 miles southeast of Emmett.

Emmett sits at 2,373 feet in elevation and enjoys a four-season climate. Average July maximum temperature is 95 F, and January's average low is 16 F. Average annual precipitation is 13.26 inches. The elevation of Gem county ranges from 2,260 feet to 7,865 feet, with cooler summers and snowy winter weather at the higher elevations.

Housing: Bunkhouse style housing may be available. Camping out may be necessary if housing isn't available while traveling to other Districts, and depending upon the location of the work. Per diem will be provided while traveling.

HOW TO RESPOND TO THIS OUTREACH NOTICE

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish an appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the vacancy announcement. Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make this determination.

If you are interested...

If you are interested in this position, please contact the person listed below by completing the attached **Outreach Response Form** and returning it via e-mail, regular mail, or fax.
To:

Renee Kehler, Rangeland Management Specialist

e-mail: rkehler@fs.fed.us

Fax: 208-365-7037

Regular mail: Boise National Forest, Attn: Renee Kehler,
1805 Highway 16, #5,
Emmett, ID 83617

Your response by February 10, 2014 would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in additional information about this position should contact Renee Kehler at 208-365-7010, or by e-mail: rkehler@fs.fed.us.

How to Apply:

This appointment is a permanent full-time seasonal position. The vacancy announcement/OCR will be posted **after** initial outreach is completed on USAJOBS at www.usajobs.gov/.

To apply for a job, there are four basic steps:

1. Create an account - Enter your profile information and create a resume. Please note that you do not need to create a "My Account" to search for jobs, but you must create an account to apply for jobs online. You will need to request a user ID and password. Allow yourself at least two days before the application deadline to complete this process to ensure you have time to get your application submitted.
2. Search jobs - Use basic search to enter in job and location keyword information from the USAJOBS home page or the advanced search function. Review the job opportunity announcements and note of those of interest. Carefully review the "Qualification and Evaluation" section to determine whether you will qualify for the position. You must identify **Emmett, ID** as location specific to the above listed positions.

3. Apply for jobs - Carefully follow the instructions in the "How to Apply" section for each announcement. Submit any additional documentation to verify your qualifications such as transcripts, SF-50 Notification of Personnel Action, and/or Veterans' Form DD-214. You may store up to five uploaded or "resume builder" created resumes.
4. Manage Your Career - Log into your account to obtain application status for positions for which you have applied. Contact the agency for specific follow-up questions or those related to the particular job. The agency contact information is listed on the right hand side of the announcement.

Thank you for your interest in temporary employment with the Forest Service.

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OUTREACH INTEREST FORM

***** **North Zone Range Technician GS-455-06** *****

Region 4 – Boise National Forest

Duty Station: Emmett Ranger District

Name:

Intranet / Internet Address:

Mailing Address and Telephone Number:

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes _____ No _____

If yes:

Government Agency Employed With: USFS _____ BLM _____ Other _____

Type of Current Appointment: Permanent _____ Temporary _____
Term _____ Other _____

Current Agency and Location: _____

Current Series and Grade and/or Position Title:

If not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

- _____ Person with Disabilities
- _____ Veterans Readjustment
- _____ Disabled Veteran with a 30% Compensable Disability
- _____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act Of 1998
- _____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- _____ Student Career Experience Program
- _____ Other

Other information you would like to include:

Please return to Renee Kehler, Rangeland Management Specialist, email:
rkehler@fs.fed.us, 1805 Highway 16, #5, Emmett, ID 83617 Fax: (208) 365-7037.